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EAST GERMAN SHIPYARDS TO BUILD OCEAN-GOING SHIPS

TO BUILD FREIGHTERS, STEAMERS -- Chemnitz, Volksstimme, 25 Nov 50

The Five-Year Plan provides for the building of ocean-going ships in order to aid East Germany's foreign trade. Ocean-going ships built in East German shippards will transport goods to China and the Far East by the beginning of 1953.

The Five-Year Plan places special emphasis on shipbuilding at the Rostock-Warnemuende and Wismar shipyards, which will build freighters, steamers, and fishing vessels for the East German ocean-going fleet. The larger ships will have capacities of 5,000 - 8,000 gross-register tons.

In the course of the Two-Year Plan (1949 - 1950), the Warnow Shipyard in Wismar reached a personnel str ngth of 6,000 workers, and in Warnemuende another, even larger shippard came into being. Experts consider the people-owned Stralsund Shipyard, where large fishing luggers are being built, the most up-to-date shipyard in Europe for mass-producing fishing luggers.

Preparations for building ocean-going vessels are being made by the Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for the Construction of Ocean-Going Ships (VVB Hochseeschiffbau), which has started its activities in Rostock and Warnemuende. It is the task of this enterprise to help its subordinate firms to prepare for production of ocean-going ships.

A merger has been effected among the Rostock-Warnemuende and Wismar Shipyards, the Rostock Diesel Engine Plant, which supplies the engines for the ocean-going ships, and the Rostock Ship Assembly Plant, which makes wooden ship installations.

A commission of shipbuilding experts has developed four types of merchant ships of varying size but with standardized parts.

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According to the directors of the Stralsund Shipyard, great savings of non-ferrous metals can be made by the use of substitute materials, e.g., the frames for portholes, all fittings, hinges, handles, etc., can be made of cast steel or plastics. Copper piping is to be replaced by galvanized steel piping. In this manner 1,000 kilograms of copper can be saved on one lugger.

SEMPTENCE SHIPYARD DIRECTORS -- Zuerich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 12 Dec 50

Eight directors of the state-owned Stralsund Shipyard were sentenced to prison terms of from 8 months to 10 years on charges of economic sabotage.

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